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## Environmental Art By Hudson County Gifted & Talented Students Kicks Off Flyway Gallery 2009 Season

**LYNDHURST, N.J.** – Sketches and drawings of natural scenes by students in the Hudson County Gifted & Talented Consortium will be on display at the NJMC's Flyway Gallery in the Meadowlands Environment Center from Jan. 2 to Jan. 30

The student art was created during a two-day convocation, "Environment through the Artist's Eyes," held at the NJMC and the Montclair Art Museum in November. The convocation is one of many programs run by the Meadowlands Environment Center (MEC) for area school districts; programs are taught by Ramapo College educators at New Jersey Meadowlands Commission facilities.

"I cannot think of a more fitting way to start the new year at the Flyway Gallery than with an exhibit by the children who represent our future," said Robert Ceberio, Executive Director of the NJMC. "We hope that this particular exercise will instill in the students a love of nature and art - and the importance of conserving our natural beauty - that they will carry for years to come."

More than 50 fourth graders from Kearny, Union City and Harrison participated in the convocation. Students spent the first day of the program learning about environmental art at the Montclair Art Museum. The following day students visited DeKorte Park, home of the NJMC, taking inspiration from the environment around them to create their works.

The NJMC created the Flyway Gallery to help foster the cultural identity of the Meadowlands District by providing a space to showcase the talent of local artists. The gallery is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday and 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. Admission is free. For information, please call (201) 460-8300 or visit [www.njmeadowlands.gov/ec](http://www.njmeadowlands.gov/ec).

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